

J. B. Harris, Surgery, Gynecology and Obstetric.
 E. T. Rulison, N. Y. Medical Journal.
 M. Seavy, Interstate Medical Journal.
 E. W. Twitchell, Munchener Medizinische Wochenschrift.

Discussion by Drs. Jones-Beattie.

Dr. Beattie suggested filing Journals of members at City Library.

Dr. W. Cress elected to membership.

Dr. G. Wilson elected to membership.

Adjourned 10:30 p. m.

F. F. GUNDRUM, Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.

Section on Medicine, May 5th, 1914.

1. The Diagnosis of Diabetes. Thomas Addis.
2. The Utility of Catarrhal Vaccine. Francis Williams. Discussed by Cullen Welty, K. Pischel and A. A. O'Neill.
3. The Disturbance of Nitrogen Metabolism in Anaphylaxis. Discussed by W. Ophuls.

General Meeting (Held in Kohler & Chase Hall), May 12th, 1914.

1. Advantages of Screen over Plate Work in Gastro-Intestinal Diagnosis. (Illustrated by lantern slides.) W. C. Alvarez.
2. Industrial Insurance in California. H. B. A. Kugeler. Discussed by H. Herrington, F. Williams, M. Gibbons, G. C. Macdonald, J. Graves, C. G. Kuhlman, F. C. Keck, G. Mize, F. P. Topping, D. B. Plymire and G. G. Kenyon.

Surgical Section, May 19th, 1914.

1. Pseudo Cysts in Chronic Pancreatitis. H. A. L. Ryfkogel and G. H. Taubles.
2. Points of Interest in Technic of Gastro-Enterostomy. P. Campiche. Discussed by D. Tait and J. H. Barbat.

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Section, May 26th, 1914.

1. Exhibition of Operated Tonsil Cases. G. W. Caldwell.
2. (a) Labyrinthine Fistula.
 (b) Heath Operation.
 (c) Paralysis of Left Vocal Cord.
 (d) Serous Labyrinthitis. H. B. Graham.
3. Double Dacryostenosis. L. D. Green.
4. Case of Deafness on Right Side resulting from Simultaneous Blow in Front of and Behind Left Ear. Fracture of Petrous Portion of Temporal Bone. C. F. Welty. Discussed by S. Beasley, O. Tobriner, H. Horn and J. J. Kingwell.
5. Recurrent Laryngeal Nerve Paralysis due to Aneurysm. A. Baer.
6. Pain in Ear—Reflex from Nose. H. Y. McNaught.
7. Exhibit of Ear Case for Diagnosis. J. J. Kingwell.

TULARE COUNTY.

At the regular meeting of the Tulare County Medical Society held May 5, 1914, the following resolution was passed:

It is resolved by the Tulare County Medical Society that our members shall cooperate with the State Industrial Accident Commission in working out the Workingmen's Compensation Act under the fee bill proposed by them and that no member shall contract with any insurance company for services at any less rate than set forth in that fee bill.

A. W. PRESTON, Secretary.

BOOK REVIEWS

"Obstetrics." Edited by Jos. B. DeLee. Practical Medicine Series. 1913, Vol. VII. Year Book Pub. Co., Chicago. Price \$1.25.

This volume of 232 pages consists, for the greater part, of abstracts of articles published in journals both at home and abroad. Like last year's volume the contents is divided into four parts, namely, Pregnancy, Labor, Puerperium and New-born. The question of Serodiagnosis of Pregnancy is gone into at great length. The editor's comment beginning on page 23 sums up the principle involved. For one who hasn't the time to keep up with the literature, this compact little volume offers a means of getting most of the up-to-date information in a very easy way. L. I. B.

A **Synopsis of Medical Treatment.** By George Cheever Shattuck, M.D., Assistant Physician to the Massachusetts General Hospital. Second Edition, Revised and Enlarged. Boston: W. M. Leonard, Publisher. 1914.

This book has the virtues and the faults of compendia of its kind. For those who like their knowledge served in tabloid form it ought to prove useful, since there is a good deal of information in easily accessible form. The chief fault is in the lack of fulness, both as to matter included and as to explanation of statements made. For example, the unexplained statement as to typhoid fever that "Coleman's diet, if used indiscriminately, may perhaps cause death" can hardly be anything but mystifying.

A **Treatise on Diseases of the Skin.** For the use of advanced students and practitioners. By Henry W. Stelwagon, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Dermatology, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. Seventh edition, thoroughly revised. Octavo of 1250 pages, with 334 text-illustrations, and 33 full-page colored and half-tone plates. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1914. Cloth, \$6.00 net; Half Morocco, \$7.50 net.

This deservedly popular treatise is probably the most widely used of text-books on cutaneous medicine in the English language. Its scope is such that it is not only very useful to the general practitioner, but is of value as a reference book for the specialist. The numerous excellent illustrations add greatly to the value of the volume. This edition (the 7th) contains much new matter, bringing it up-to-date (November, 1913). H. E. A.

The Psychology of Insanity. By Bernard Hart, Cambridge Manuals of Science and Literature. Cambridge University Press. 1912.

This little volume of 172 pages is one of the most interesting treatises on the subject of the psychology of the insane that the reviewer has ever read. An analytical development of the history and psychological manifestations of the insane is very briefly given in a delightful style. The influence of the Freudian school on the trend of modern abnormal psychology is felt throughout the work, but, what is rare among the followers of Freud, no didactic statements are made. Each of the elements entering into abnormal states, viz., complexes, conflict, repression, dissociation, projection and phantasy, are given separate chapters and are clearly defined and explained. In all, it is a valuable book for any student of psychology or of medicine.